

House Resolution No. 2382

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have been blessed with exceptional longevity; and

Whereas, Arthur E. Cook of Saint Joseph was born on May 4, 1895, in Russel, Kansas; and

Whereas, after a wonderful childhood filled with all manner of educational experiences, Arthur Cook graduated from “The Academy” in 1913 and then attended Kansas State Agricultural College before World War I interrupted his higher education to send him to France and the Battle of the Argonne where he earned Purple Heart and French Legion of Honor medals; and

Whereas, discharged from the military in 1919, Arthur Cook then returned to what is now known as Kansas State University to finish his collegiate education and graduate in 1921; and

Whereas, Arthur Cook took his first teaching job at the Vocational Institute in Northwest Kansas, a rural high school where he coached basketball and met his future wife, Katherine, whom he married in 1925 after accepting a job at Holcomb Consolidated High School; and

Whereas, the marriage of Arthur and Katherine Cook lasted until her passing in 1999 and was richly blessed with the love and affection of two children, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Arthur Cook left the field of education in 1942 in order to take up farming, a vocation which he practiced until his retirement in 1965; and

Whereas, Arthur Cook also has garnered well-deserved honors and accolades as a member of the Methodist Church since 1948, a Mason for eighty-five years, a board member of the Finney County Farm Program ASCS, and a Silver Haired Legislator in Topeka, Kansas:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life enjoyed by Arthur Cook and to convey to him this legislative body’s most heartfelt “Happy Birthday” as he celebrates one hundred nine years of life; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Arthur E. Cook of Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rob Schaaf
District No. 28

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2382, adopted April 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker